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ISSUE FEE TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

We enclose a PTOL-85 (Issue Fee Transmittal), a Fee Address Indication Form and our check for \$1,700 for payment of the issue fee and publication fee. Please note that the assignee, Scimed Life Systems, Inc., changed its name to Boston Scientific Scimed, Inc. effective January 1, 2005.

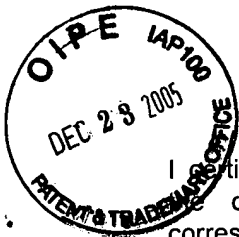
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0638.

Respectfully submitted,

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability dated November 2, 2005, applicant notes for the record that the Statement of Reasons for Allowance "is not intended to necessarily state all the reasons for allowance or all the details why claims are allowed." [MPEP 1302.14.] Additionally, the inventions claimed in the present application respectively comprise various elements in combination. Applicant respectfully submits that the patentability of each invention derives from the claimed combination of elements defining that invention, viewed as a whole, rather than from the presence of any particular element (or elements) in the combination.

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